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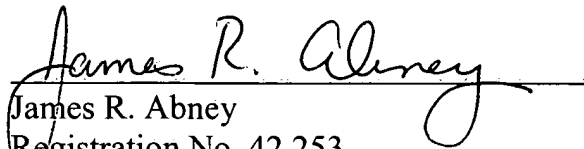
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Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated December 16, 2003 on the above-identified patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner allowed claims 1-19, 30, and 32-39. The Examiner also paraphrased applicants' claimed invention as part of the stated reasons for allowance. Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

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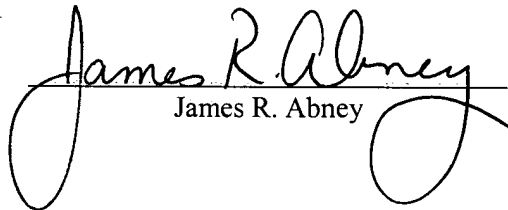
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